QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

State Transport Lorries in the Alwaye-Munnar line.

1. * **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Government Transport lorries plying in the Alwaye-Munnar line ;

(*b*) the tonnage of each ; and

(*c*) the rate fixed per ton ?

Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*) :

(*a*) Varies from 8 to 20 per day in accordance with the requirements of the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Co., Ltd.

(*b*) 24 tons load capacity.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 16-3-0 per ton or approximately 3·75 annas per ton mile.

Employees in the Mascot Hotel.

2. * **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Government employees in the Mascot Hotel who have been thrown out of job by the handing over of the Hotel to the Spencer & Co., Ltd.; and

(*b*) whether any arrangements have been made for employing them in other departments ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Four.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Direct appointments by Government.

3. * **Mr. James Fletcher** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of appointments to services made directly by the Government during the years 1115, 1116 and 1117 ;

(*b*) whether any member of the Latin Catholic community has been so appointed during those years ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that fully qualified men are available in that community for such appointments ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai ; (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information is considered to be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Mr. James Fletcher : May I presume that the honourable member is nervous of divulging the information to be given in answer to certain supplementary questions ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : I object, Sir, to the insinuations in the question.

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